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In Re Application of:

GRANOFF, et al.

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Examiner: FIELDS, I.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed June 13, 2002, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, a three-month extension of time in which to respond is requested and a petition and fee therefor accompany this response. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.